

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Sub. D1> 1. A gaming machine comprising:
a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;
a starting device for starting variable display of the symbols; and
a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;
wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game, and
wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying special game information in said special game to said player.

2. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine comprising:
a variable display section comprising a plurality of reels displaying a plurality of symbols necessary for gaming;
a starting device comprising a start switch for starting rotating said plurality of reels; and
a stopping device comprising a stop switch for individually stopping said plurality of reels;
wherein said player is provided with a predetermined unit of value information if a combination of symbols displayed when said plurality of reels is stopped constitutes a predetermined stop mode.

3. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a state of progress of said special game.

4. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information

concerning a history of provision of value information provided as a profit for said player in said special game.

5. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a winning history in said special game.

6. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a gaming mode in said special game.

7. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said starting device uses an input of predetermined bet information as an actuating condition; and

wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information concerning a maximum permissible input unit of said bet information in said special game.

8. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is special game information for indicating that said special game is over.

9. A gaming machine according to claim 1, further comprising an indicating section for indicating related special game information relating to said special game information displayed in said image display section.

10. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is also displayable while said normal game is being played.

11. A gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is a moving image.

12. A gaming machine according to claim 2, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is a moving image.

13. A gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein said special game information displayed in said image display section is a moving image.

14. A gaming machine comprising:

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a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player, and

wherein said game information displayed in said image display section is game information concerning a history of provision of value information provided as a profit for the player.

15. A gaming machine according to claim 14, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine comprising:

a variable display section comprising a plurality of reels displaying a plurality of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device comprising a start switch for starting rotating said plurality of reels; and

a stopping device comprising a stop switch for individually stopping said plurality of reels;

wherein said player is provided with a predetermined unit of value information if a combination of symbols displayed when said plurality of reels is stopped constitutes a predetermined stop mode.

Sub. D³ 16. A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when the symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player, and

wherein said game information displayed in said image display section is game information concerning a winning history.

17. A gaming machine according to claim 16, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine comprising:

a variable display section comprising a plurality of reels displaying a plurality of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device comprising a start switch for starting rotating said plurality of reels; and

a stopping device comprising a stop switch for individually stopping said plurality of reels;

wherein said player is provided with a predetermined unit of value information if a combination of symbols displayed when said plurality of reels is stopped constitutes a predetermined stop mode.

Sub. D4 18. A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player

is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player, and

wherein said game information displayed in said image display section is an explanation of an operation of a game.

19. A gaming machine according to claim 18, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine comprising:

a variable display section comprising a plurality of reels displaying a plurality of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device comprising a start switch for starting rotating said plurality of reels; and

a stopping device comprising a stop switch for individually stopping said plurality of reels;

wherein said player is provided with a predetermined unit of value information if a combination of symbols displayed when said plurality of reels is stopped constitutes a predetermined stop mode.

Sub DS 20. A gaming machine comprising:

a variable display section for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device for starting variable display of said symbols; and

a stopping device, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game,

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying game information to said player, and

said game information displayed in said image display section is an indication of an error of said gaming machine.

21. A gaming machine according to claim 20, wherein said gaming machine is a slot machine comprising:

a variable display section comprising a plurality of reels displaying a plurality of symbols necessary for gaming;

a starting device comprising a start switch for starting rotating said plurality of reels; and

a stopping device comprising a stop switch for individually stopping said plurality of reels;

wherein said player is provided with a predetermined unit of value information if a combination of symbols displayed when said plurality of reels is stopped constitutes a predetermined stop mode.

Sub. D6 22. A gaming machine comprising:
variable display means for variably displaying a plurality of kinds of symbols necessary for gaming;

starting means for starting variable display of the symbols; and

stopping means, disposed so as to be operable by a player, for stopping said symbols being variably displayed;

wherein, on condition that a combination of symbols displayed when said symbols are stopped constitutes a predetermined special winning mode, said player is allowed to start playing a special game which is more advantageous to said player than is a normal game, and

wherein said gaming machine further comprises an image display section for displaying special game information in said special game to said player.

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